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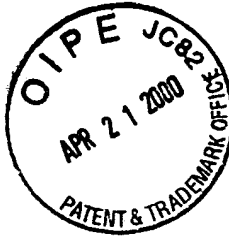
In re application of:

MEYER et al

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For: HELICOBACTER PYLORI LIVE VACCINE



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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 21, 2000

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement dated March 21, 2000, applicants respectfully elect to prosecute the subject matter of group I, claims 1-15, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition and a method for preparing a vaccine containing the pharmaceutical composition. Applicants therefore respectfully request timely consideration on the merits.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected claims at any point prior to the termination of the proceedings in the subject application.

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In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted,

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